

Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease

Meeting Notes December 18, 2008

Members Present

Shawn Bediako, PhD
Betty Johnson, MED
Malcolm Joseph III, MD
Sherell Mason, MD
Allen Tien, MD
Anika Wilkerson

Carlton Haywood Jr., PhD
Lizzie Johnson
Soula Lambropoulos, MS
Karen Proudford, PhD
Donald Shell, MD

Members Absent

Natasha Bonhomme, BA
C. Christine Corbin, RN, BSN
Ronald T. Evans, MDiv
Neil J. Grossman, MD
Sophie Lanzkron, MD
Marie Y. Mann, MPH
Patricia O'Neal, MD
Sohail Rana, MD
Kimberly Whitehead, PhD

James Casella, MD
George Dover, MD
Victor R. Gordeuk, MD
Ross Heffer
Rhamin Ligon, MD
Caterina Minniti, MD
Irance Reddix, MD
Larry Lee Thomas, Sr., DDiv
Efa Ahmed Williams, MA

DHMH Staff

Donna Harris, BS
Susan Panny, MD
Mary Russell, PhD

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Shawn Bediako called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Notes

The November 18, 2008 committee meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Secretary's Report - Expanding Comprehensive Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease

Final edits are being made to the report and it will be sent to Secretary Colmers by the end of the month.

New Business

Legislative Sickle Cell Awareness Day will be held on February 25, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The goal is to raise the consciousness of sickle cell disease and the needs

of sickle cell patients. Although this is not a steering committee function, participation is encouraged. For more information about the event contact Karen Produford, Anika Wilkerson, or Shawn Bediako.

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month 2009

The committee unanimously agreed to organize one or more special events during Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in September. Volunteers are asked to join this sub-committee to recommend possible activities that could be accomplished in a short span of time.

Next Meeting - Please Note Room Change

Committee members will be notified of the next meeting.